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In the Matter of:

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYScott, MS 38772
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2012-3

Scott Action Committee of Concerned Citizens
Scott Water DistrictMonsanto, Petitioner(s)
Mr and Mrs Ayrese Jackson

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the SCOTT post office. The Final Determination was posted Aug 30, 2011.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

Please see attached letters.

US Postal Service Commission

I am the site lead for the Monsanto Company located in Scott Mississippi. We are a research and tech development site for Monsanto's seed and traits business. This site concentrates most of its efforts on cotton, corn and soybeans. In 2007 Monsanto purchased Delta and Pine Land Company of Scott, Mississippi and since that time it has invested over 12.5 million dollars in the new infrastructure and improvements at Scott. The site consist of four office buildings, a new greenhouse facility, seed testing laboratory, warehousing and ginning facilities as well as a new cotton research center, one of only three such sites within the Monsanto Company. There is also a Learning Center here that hosts over 2,500 visitors a year. The site employs seventy fulltime employees, many of whom hold advanced degrees. All this makes Scott a unique community that needs its Post Office. We have a mail room and an employee who sorts and delivers the mail that he picks up every morning from our three large boxes at the Scott Post Office. Everyday before 4:00 pm he makes rounds again to all of our facilities to collect mail to go out that evening. We are concerned that rural route delivery can not provide us with the current quality postal service we now receive. I understand the rural route carrier already services Benoit Mississippi and Beluah Mississippi; this concerns us about the timely delivery of our mail. Our business relies on and is accustomed to receiving our mail in the early morning. It is our belief that the Postal District did not consider the hardship this closing will have on our Company or the other businesses located in Scott.

Monsanto expressed its desire to work with the Postal Service at the community meeting. In order to help the Postal Service to cut its cost we would gladly allow the Post Office to stay in its current location without paying rent; that is how strongly we feel the closure would affect us and the residents of this community. I have never been contacted in order to discuss this or any other concerns with the closing. The sense I received from the community meeting was the decision to close had already been made. I feel the Postal Service did not perform an accurate assessment of the outcome of this closing nor did they provide an accurate cost analysis. Based on good business practices the decision to close could not be made without the comparison.

Sincerely,

David S Horton
Site Lead, Monsanto Corporation
Scott, MS 38772

US Postal Service Commission:

Thank you for your consideration of our efforts to save our Scott Mississippi Post Office. We are assuming that you have the docket with all of our letters and concerns submitted to our District.

We feel their study was extremely flawed. They didn't even know the county our community is located in and their study stated many falsehoods about our community. We hope you have the copy of the letter we sent pointing out all their inaccuracies. This is a thriving community; we do not have a declining population. We have many businesses who use the Scott Post Office of which the largest being the Monsanto Company. Other businesses include The Scott Water District, Scott Farm Supply, Lake Bolivar Gin, Ag Air and the Scott Store, all of which are located in Scott. We also have several businesses outside the community who use the Scott Post Office including Benoit Union Church, Winterville Storage, Skelton Farms and others. Not only do these businesses rent PO Boxes but they also use the other services provided by the Postal Service.

We are no different from any other Post Office in the United States as far as declining revenue, we feel we were singled out solely on this fact and the fact that our Postmaster retired. It is our understanding that a post office can not be closed because of declining revenue. The Scott Post Office ran very effectively for over a year with an OIC and PMR at a much lower rate of pay than a Postmaster. The OIC was replaced by a clerk and the PMR resigned. The clerk was located in Greenville Mississippi and we doubt but do not know that her salary is also less than that of a Postmaster. This clerk had been sitting in a break room drawing a salary without performing any or few duties. Moving her to the Scott Post Office seems to be the only sensible act they have done as far as cutting cost for the Postal Service. At least she is performing a needed service. When asked, what will happen to you if they close this Post Office, her response was; I'll go back to sitting in the break room because she belongs to the Union. If the postal service can not control hiring and firing how will they ever save money and/or the postal service? Seems their answer is to close small post offices, decrease service and make it harder for those who live in rural communities.

During our Community Meeting with Postal Management we asked for and never received a line item comparison of the cost of keeping the Post Office and the cost of placing a route in service to this community. This is just another example at how flawed their study and justification for closing truly is. They say it will save \$46,000.00 by closing the Scott Post Office. We have never seen the figures that support this savings. In the large scheme of things, this amount is so minimal. This community depends so greatly on our Post Office. If the US Postal Service is genuinely serious about cutting cost, seems they would start at the top where it adds up or do away with Saturday deliveries which would save them so much more than closing small rural Post Offices that are so greatly needed.

Dear US Postal Service Commission,

On behalf of the Scott Water District we ask that you read our statement that was read during the Community Meeting with Postal Management.

The closure of the Scott Post Office will greatly affect the way we will have to handle our daily business. We do not have an office; our PO Box is our office. Our customers depend so heavily on the post office for paying their water bills and buying money orders. Some of these customers are elderly and or do not drive, some are handicapped. This closure will greatly affect them and The Scott Water District. How can the Postal District look at this need and not consider the hardship it will cause? We feel they didn't, we feel their mindset was to close this post office from the beginning. Therefore we are stating they didn't take into consideration the affect on the community and its businesses that this closing will cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Water District". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Scott Water District

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Our postal Service final determination deserves
a review because we as senior citizens should
have a safe and convenient place to send and receive
mail near our homes. It would be nice not having
to drive a long distance to attend postal business.

Most of Scott's population consist of retirees and
and senior citizens that live on fixed incomes and
would have to buy gas or even pay someone to

take them to another post office out of town.
Buying and placing personal mail boxes on
a road side will cost more than we can afford.
Weather damage of mail and the fee is a major
concern.